

## OFFICERS' REPORTS TO SRP COMMITTEE, 5 FEBRUARY 2006

### SECRETARY

I have authorised 31 pastoral visits for the current financial year and three for 2006–07 and have, to date, received 14 Conference application forms (CAFs) from branches. I am pleased to say that the majority of pastoral visit applications were received by and authorised on-line. A number of branch CAFs have also been returned to me by this method and would urge branches (and committee members too) who have not yet been in contact with me to use this as the method of choice; it is quick, easy and cheap.

There are a number of changes to branch secretaries:

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#### **North London**

Please amend Ms Sue Elwood's name to read Selwood

Alistair Read

### MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Most of the branch levies have been paid and membership lists submitted. Since the start of this season there have been a few misconceptions about 'who needs what!' I would like to clarify that **branch accounts should be sent to the Society Treasurer**, Brian Fraser-Hook (next year to his successor) and that **membership lists and levy cheques be sent to me as Membership Secretary**. When new members join in September, ideally branch treasurers need to send me a cheque and contact details for these people. If I have not been given the relevant information I cannot ask Peacock Press to send them a December issue of the magazine. It would save us having upset members. I have some ideas which I hope will make the job easier for me when I process the data sent to me and also to help new treasurers. I intend to send these suggestions to branch treasurers before next year.

Margaret Shearing

### COUNTRY AND OVERSEAS BRANCH

Current figures: (with figures from March 05 for comparison)

UK	179 (154)	Ordinary	106 (106)
Rest of Europe	15 (18)	Family	30 (32)
Rest of World	12 (11)	Life	5 (5)
	206 (183)	Student	65 (40)
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NYRO members this time are 61 (36)

Corporate Members: 5 (5)

Orchestras and affiliated groups: 10 (9)

Jim Rowley

## CHAIRMAN, WALTER BERGMAN FUND

In November the fund awarded a special prize for £300.00 at the Moeck Solo Recorder Finals. We looked at five applicants at our recent meeting and gave two awards for the purchase of recorders. The fund is placing an advert in the Spring edition of the Recorder Magazine for applicants for the 2006 Philip Cole Bursary, our annual award of £700.00 to a major project featuring young recorder players.

Andrew Collis

## SRP NEWS EDITOR

For the second consecutive issue we have had fewer than our 4 pages in the Magazine. For the spring issue I have submitted about 250 more words than usual and will be interested to see what happens. I hope it will not result in a reduction of the print size.

The spring issue will include more information about the Festival and news from NYRO. I was able to include a brief notice of the death of Mary Cavalier-Smith, a founder member of the SRP, who died on 30th December. Ron Skins will write an obituary for the spring issue, and this will also go on the website.

Madeline Seviour

## COMPETITION ADMINISTRATOR—Report attached

TRAINING ADMINISTRATOR—Nothing to report

## TREASURER

### Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2005

This table is a summary of the Central Fund accounts for the year 2004-05 and a forecast of the figures for 2005-06.

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2004-2005</b>	<b>2005-2006</b>
Subscriptions including Corporate Subscriptions	21,292.40	21,100
Essex Festival 2005 Deficit	-1.11	
Scottish Recorder Festival Edinburgh 2004 Surplus	120.00	
Scottish Recorder Festival Glasgow 2005 Surplus	11.60	
Royalties	1.50	
Bank Interest (say 12.5% of Total Received)	1,260.84	1,330
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,685.23</b>	<b>1,330</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE – Actual Payments, Not Accrued</b>		
Magazine	12,014.55	12,500
Annual Conference	2,870.29	3,000
Conductors Visits	2,460.90	2,600
Committee Expenses	3,128.19	3,000
Printing, Stationery & Membership Lists 2001, 03, 05	1,544.17	550
Phones & Postages	455.72	500
Ex-gratia payments to Wessex, Edinburgh and WBF	1,073.36	0
Ex-gratia payments to Glasgow – Scottish Festival 2005	0	12
Ex-gratia payment for Accountancy Services	250.00	0
SRP-Moeck Competition 2005	-376.68	1,500

Subscription to Making Music	335.80	350
Internet Presence	134.14	125
Liability Insurance	817.50	850
Sundry Expenses – Secretary’s Computer Repair	188.00	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,895.94</b>	<b>24,987</b>

The deficit for the year was £2,211 leaving the fund at £25,783 on the 31 August with a further loss of £2,557 anticipated for the year 2005-06.

Last February I anticipated a break-even figure by 31 August, but notable extra expenditure arose since then, viz. Annual Conference cost £370 more than predicted, Committee Expenses up by £370, Conductors’ visits costs greater by £500, a backdated printing charge of £1,160 and no account taken of the agreed £993 ex-gratia payment to Wessex for Festival 2004. Some items did cost less than forecast, namely magazine £500, Festival loss was £450 less than forecast, and the Competition £1,376 less for this year (the main expense will come into the current year).

Subscription income fell by £460 compared with 2003/04 and subscriptions for 2003/04 were £380 less than 2002/03.

The Walter Bergmann Fund received £2,882 in donations, £536 share of Festivals surplus and £1,755 share of bank interest. It made grants totalling £4,800 and donated £300 to sponsor a recital for the ERTA Ensemble competition. The year’s surplus was £73 leaving its fund at £44,337.

I have still received no information on transactions within the various NYRO accounts and can only report on the items dealt with through the Central Fund account.

In view of the deficit for the rear 2004-05 and my predicted loss for the current year I feel it prudent to propose that we **increase the Subscription by at least £3.50** from September 2006. This would mean the rates would rise to, at least, £17.50 per full member, £28.00 per household membership and £12.50 for students.

**FINALLY**

I cannot complete the 2004-05 accounts until I receive **Roxborough’s** branch accounts and **NYRO’s** audited accounts.

We only sent our 2003-04 accounts to the Charity Commissioners on the 21st June last year; thus avoiding, by the skin of our teeth, the threatened enquiry into our affairs by the Commission had we missed their 30th June deadline.

I need to complete our 2004-05 accounts within the next four weeks if we are to present audited accounts to conference on the 2nd April. Also my tenure as Honorary Treasurer ends on that date and I will have no authority to continue.

That concludes my report.

Brian Fraser-Hook